

REMARKS

Claims 21-40 are pending in the application.

Claims 21-40 have been rejected.

No Claims have been amended, and reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the terminal disclaimer being filed concurrently herewith.

I. **DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION**

Claims 21-40 were rejected on the ground of non-statutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claim(s) 23 of United States Patent No. 6,621,901. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant is submitting herewith a timely and proper terminal disclaimer.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the double patenting rejection of Claims 21-40.

II. **CONCLUSION**

As a result of the foregoing, the Applicant asserts that the remaining Claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests an early allowance of such Claims.

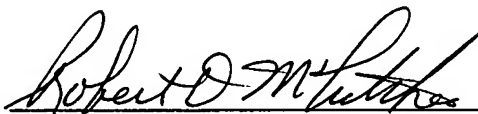
If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *rmccutcheon@munckbutrus.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Munck Butrus Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

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